



**34th Annual Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix
Invitational Classes Race Instructions**

Date:

June 30th & July 1st, 2018

Venue:

Lido Key, Sarasota, Florida

Approved by:



Organized By:

Powerboat P1 USA LLC,
2320 Clark Street, Suite A1
Apopka FL 32703

RISK STATEMENT

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By participating in or becoming involved with Powerboat Racing organized by APBA affiliated clubs either as a participant, team member, or otherwise, individuals agree and acknowledge that:

They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, such as drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries, burns, and other physical injuries as well as possible death and risks to their property. They have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise in the course of a race. They will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property whether afloat or ashore. The management of their boat and equipment, including insurance, is solely their responsibility. Scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.

Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. Those participating or involved agree to be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, Racing Instructions and the General Competition Rules of the UIM and the APBA they will accept the decisions of the organizing committee and officials nominated by the organizing committee.

INDEMNITY

Participants in the event will be required to hold harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held;
- (b) The organizing club, the sponsors and the APBA and their respective officials, employees, volunteers, representatives and agents; and,
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers, passengers or mechanics engaged in the event, (together with the "Indemnified Parties") AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect to loss of or damage to the property of or personal injury sustained to the Indemnified Parties to the extent caused by the participants, their crew, their boat, their mechanics, support team, representatives or agents.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Persons under the age of 18 must have written authority signed by either Parent or Legal Guardian.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TEAM'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS THEIRS ALONE

1 EVENT APPROVAL

This Event has been approved by the APBA, the National Governing Body for Offshore Powerboat Racing in the USA.

2 COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity at the front of these race instructions. It is the competitors’ sole responsibility to decide whether or not to start or continue in a race once inspections are passed.

3 EVENT SECRETARY

Erica DeRobertis

Websites: www.p1superstock.com www.sarasotapowerboatgrandprix.org

Race Director	Steve Kildahl	941-232-4323
APBA Referee	Mick Pritchard	+447868716073
APBA Assistance Referee	Dale Owen	954-536-6955
Risk Manager	Mike Sadlon	734-777-1878
Assistant Risk Manager	Zach Rago	484-571-9030
Invitational Tech Inspector	John Kenyon	
Crane Coordinators	Dennis and Kelly Loch	586-925-0856
APBA Head Scorer	Erica DeRobertis	561-308-6611
Boat Safety / Medical Director	Dark Side Rescue / David Harshfield & Mark Austin	954-605-9599
Pit Marshal	Tom Houser	941-915-5875
Local Water Support	Sam Chavers	941-356-7587

5 RACE JURY To be Announced

6 RACE STATUS NATIONAL

7 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The races will be run under current rules as stated in the APBA Offshore Rulebook together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions issued before or at Drivers' Meetings or in Race Bulletins. The Organizers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules. Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and, if possible, announced at Drivers’ Meeting.

Organizers have the right to refuse any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or which does not conform to the requirements of the present Rules.

Any infringement of the Rules or of the Race Instructions, or instructions issued at Drivers' Meetings or in Race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organizing club.

8 CANCELLATION

The Organizers may cancel or postpone the event or a race at any time in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. The entry fee is not refundable unless specified by event organizers

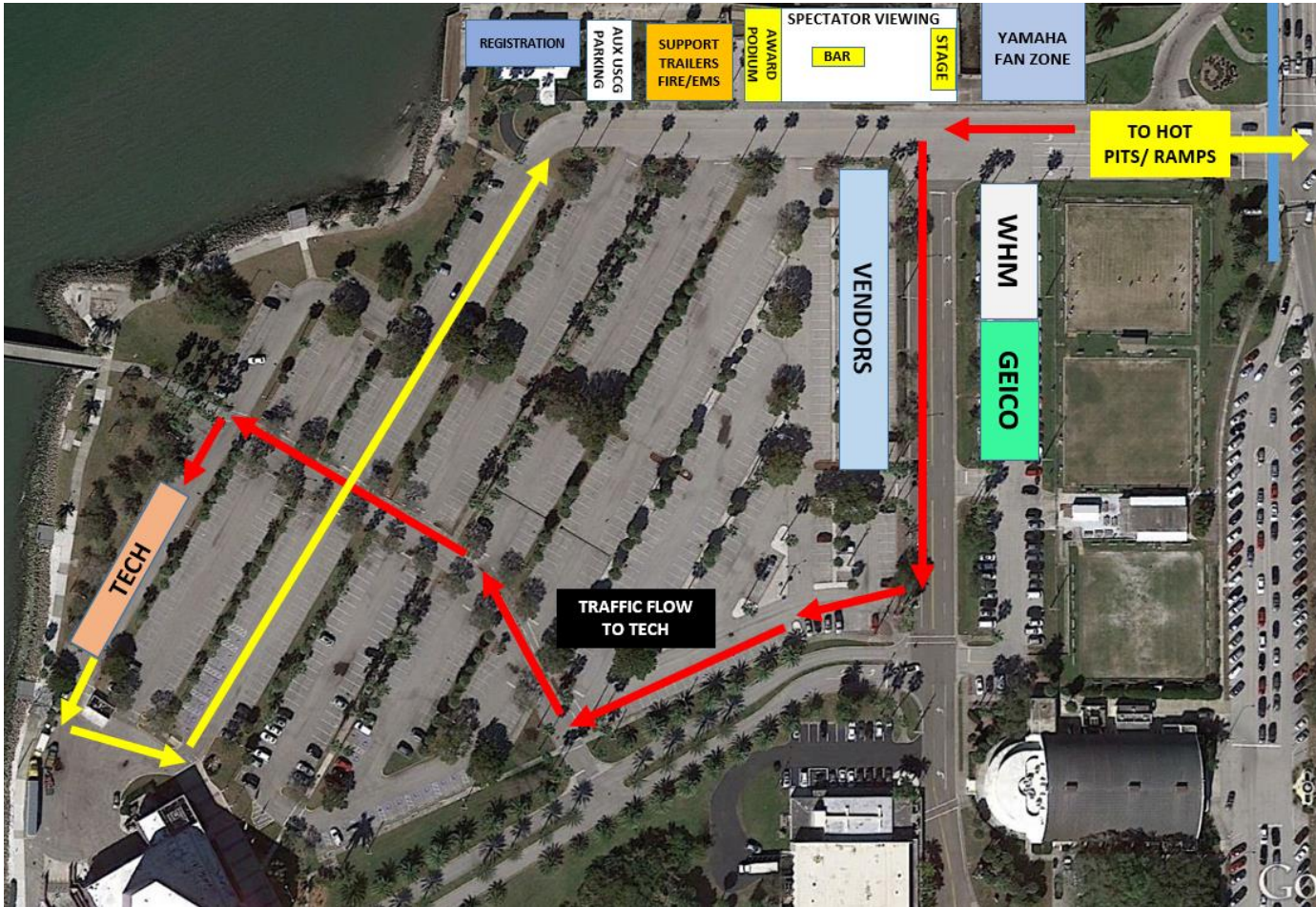
9 SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday June 28th, 2018	From	Until	Location
PITS OPEN	2:00pm	6:00pm	VAN WEZEL PITS
Friday June 29th 2018	From	Until	Location
DUNK TESTING	8:00am	3:00pm	ARLINGTON PARK
REGISTRATION OPEN	8:00am	5:00pm	USCG BLDG.
INSPECTIONS	9:00am	5:00pm	VAN WEZEL PITS
MEET AND GREET – WHO IS IN THE DRIVER’S SEAT	2:00pm	3:30pm	HYATT
DRIVER’S MEETING - ALL DRIVERS - MANDATORY	4:00pm		HYATT
“BOATS BY THE BAY” PARTY IN THE PITS	6:00pm	11:00pm	VAN WEZEL PITS
Saturday June 30th, 2018	From	Until	Location
PHYSICALS	7:00am	8:00am	USCG BLDG..
DRIVER’S MEETING - ALL DRIVERS - MANDATORY	8:00am	9:00am	USCG BLDG.
AQUAX PRO RACE 1	9:00am	10:00am	RACE COURSE
SUPERSTOCK PRACTICE	10:00am	10:30am	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	10:30am	10:45am	
SUPERSTOCK RACE 1	10:45am	11:15am	RACE COURSE
P1-3, P4-6 RACES	11:15am	12:45am	RACE COURSE
OPEN PRACTICE FOR SARASOTA INVITATIONAL CLASSES	12:45am	1:15pm	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	1:15pm	1:30pm	RACE COURSE
OPEN PRACTICE FOR SARASOTA INVITATIONAL CLASSES	1:30pm	4:00pm	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	4:00pm	4:15pm	RACE COURSE
AQUAX PRO RACE 2	4:15pm	5:00pm	RACE COURSE
P1 SUPERSTOCK RACE 2 & 3	5:00pm	5:45pm	RACE COURSE
GRAND PRIX FAN FESTIVAL	10:00am	6:00pm	VAN WEZEL PITS
Sunday July 1st, 2018	From	Until	Location
PHYSICALS	6:45am	7:45am	HYATT
CHAPEL- JIM BLACK	7:45am	8:00am	HYATT
DRIVER’S MEETING ALL DRIVERS & RIDERS	8:00am	8:30am	HYATT
AQUAX PRO RACE 3	9:00am	10:00am	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	10:00am	10:15am	
SUPER VEE LITE CLASS	10:15am	11:30pm	RACE COURSE
SUPERSTOCK 300 CLASS	11:30pm	12:45pm	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	12:45pm	1:00pm	
SUPER CAT CLASS	1:00pm	2:30pm	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE	2:30pm	2:45pm	
UNLIMITED / SUPER VEE CLASS RACE	2:45pm	3:15pm	RACE COURSE
AWARDS CEREMONY	5:30pm		

10 RACE ADMINISTRATION/REGISTRATION

This will all take place on Friday June 29th 9am to 5pm at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Bldg. in the Dry Pits. All teams must have taken part in the swim / Dunk Test. If you are unable to make it to registration at the designated time allotted, please contact Erica DeRobertis to make arrangements for registration and let the Referee Mick Pritchard know this information **before Friday's Drivers Meeting**. If you do not contact Erica DeRobertis or Mick Pritchard before the Drivers Meeting you run the risk of being given a penalty. Please see schedule for registration times.

11 RACE DRY PIT SITE MAP



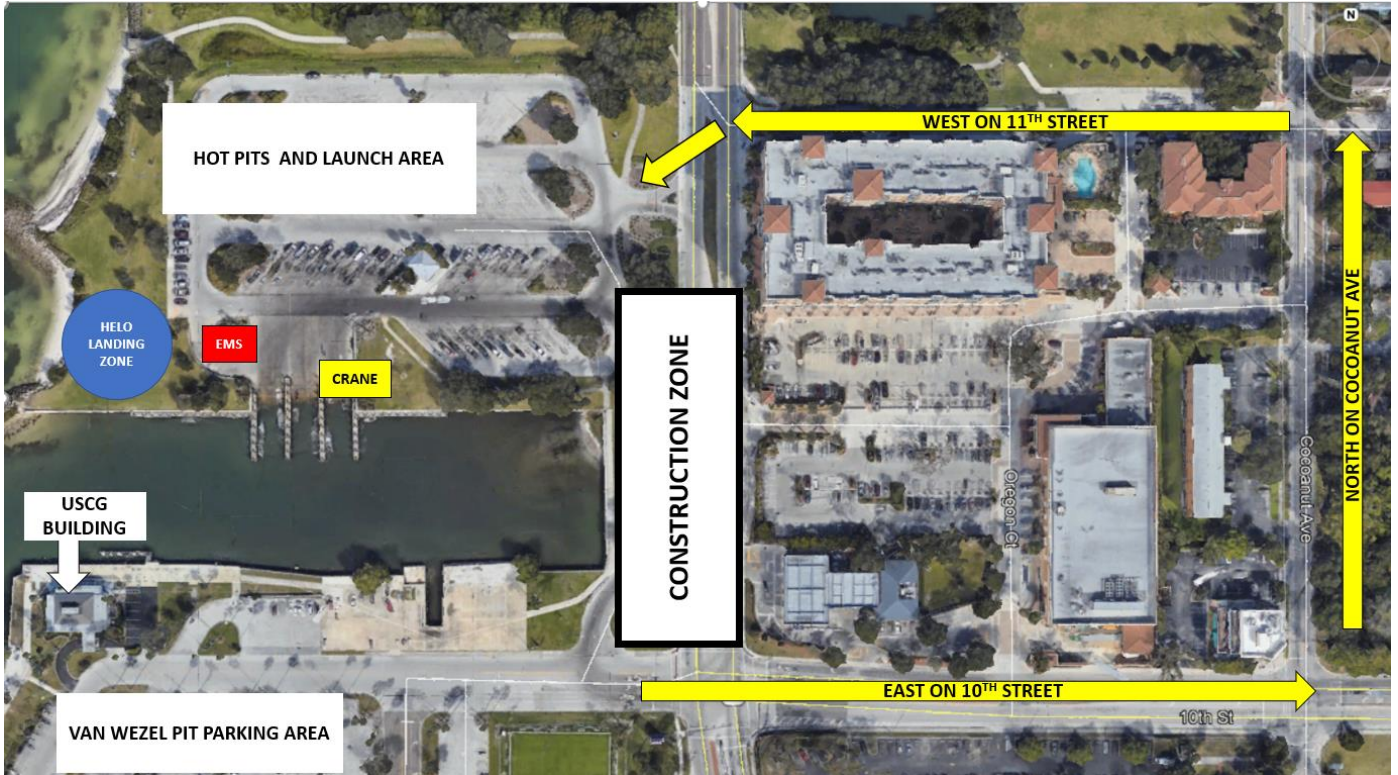
RV parking will be in the Dry Pits. Please let Lucy Nicandri know if you are bringing an RV ASAP. NOTE: NO WATER OR ELECTRIC HOOK-UPS, MUST BE SELF CONTAINED

13 PIT AREA

There will be parking for your tow vehicle and boat in the pit area, please check with one of the officials when parking. If you arrive after 6pm Thursday or Friday, please park at the ramp area overnight. You will be directed to your correct parking area the following morning. Be prepared to park non-essential vehicles off-site.

MOT – ROUTE TO HOT PIT / LAUNCH AREA

There is heavy construction in the area. Please review the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) flow and the route to take in order to move over to the launch at the 10th street ramp area.



14 FUELING ARRANGEMENTS

ON SITE FUELING IN THE HOT PIT AREA

Saturday – June 30th from 8 am until 5 pm

Sunday – July 1st from 8 am until 1 pm

Truck Selling: Sunoco Super Unleaded 93 - Sunoco Standard 110 – Sunoco Maximal 116

15 INSPECTIONS

Inspections will all take place Friday June 30th. See schedule for times and Site map for location.

16 LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before inspections, unless otherwise stated. The crane will be on site at the 10th Street Ramp, Saturday June 30th and Sunday July 1st from 8am to 5:30pm.

Details of the marshalling area and procedures will be given at Drivers meeting. DO NOT GET IN LINE AT THE CRANE IF YOUR LIFTING STRAPS ARE NOT IN PLACE.

17 OFFICIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

Official practice can be seen on the schedule. Any changes will be discussed at the driver's meeting on Friday evening. There will be no testing on Friday.

18 DRIVERS MEETING

Mandatory Drivers Meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Friday afternoon (see schedule). Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the Meeting. All crew for each race boat must sign in to the meeting by the start time and attend the entire meeting. A Roll Call will be held. The start of drivers meeting marks the end of the eligibility protest period and the Jury members will be introduced. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organizers.

19 PHYSICALS

Mandatory Physicals will take place each race morning at the Hyatt before the drivers' meeting – see schedule for timing. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organizers. Breathalyzer and Drug tests may be given.

RACE TEAM DUNK TESTING AT ARLINGTON PARK POOL

2650 Waldemere Street

Friday – June 29th from 8am until 3pm

Saturday – June 30th from 9 am until 2pm

If you have successfully completed a dunk test for the 2018 race season with another sanctioning body, please bring your certificate of proof with you when you sign in at registration. If not provided, you will be dunking!

20 NOISE AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Competitors must obey all local regulations and Bylaws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless absolutely necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties being applied. **NOTE: Testing will be in the Gulf of Mexico not in Sarasota Bay.**

21 RACE STARTS

Full details of the starting procedure will be given at Drivers Meeting.

22 COURSE DETAILS

Course outline and co-ordinates will be presented at driver's meeting.

23 COURSE MARKS

A full description of the course and marks will be given at Drivers' meeting.

Race Distance (subject to change): 4.25-mile lap

RACE COURSE: A schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance. It is not to be used as a chart or for Navigational purposes. Co-Ordinates will be provided closer to the event date.

Race Boat Towing

Fast Response Towing will have two dedicated vessels out on the race course on Sunday (July 1). They will provide free towing for all race teams and salvage at a flat rate of \$125.00 per ft. Salvage covers de-watering, fire suppression, and re-floating.

24 FLAG SIGNALS

Competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals.

If a competitor misses 2 red flags in any one race they will immediately be Disqualified with no appeal and referred to the Chief Referee for further disciplinary action. More information can be found in the APBA offshore rulebook.

25 POST-RACE INSPECTIONS:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers must be available with their craft and all relevant mandatory equipment required per class rules for post-race inspections, if required, up to one hour after the posting of the Results. Technical items to be inspected will be determined by the Chief inspector.

Fourth place finisher to stand by in case of technical infractions from one of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place finishes.

26 PENALTIES

Race Organizers may apply penalties referred to in class rules as well as additional penalties.

27 PROTESTS

A Mandatory pre-protest arbitration session with Chief Referee or appointed person is to be held with drivers only before any formal protest will be accepted. If there is a disagreement with the Chief Referee then the protest will be taken to the race jury whose decision is final.

28 PRIZE GIVING/TROPHIES:

Trophies will be presented at the podium. See schedule for Awards Ceremony.
Prize Money to be awarded as following:



Race Team Prize Payouts

Sunday, July 1st, 2018

Over \$60,000 in prize payouts up for grabs!!!!

Cash prizes awarded to all winning teams immediately after the awards ceremony on Sunday July 1st at 5:30pm.

Unlimited

1st Place \$4,200
2nd Place \$2,900
3rd Place \$1,200
Entry Fee - \$2,000

Super Cat

1st Place \$3,900
2nd Place \$2,700
3rd Place \$1,100
Entry Fee - \$1,800

Super Vee

1st Place \$3,300
2nd Place \$2,300
3rd Place \$990
Entry Fee - \$1,400

Superstock 300s

1st Place \$3,000
2nd Place \$2,100
3rd Place \$900
Entry Fee - \$1,000

Vee Light

1st Place \$3,000
2nd Place \$2,100
3rd Place \$900
Entry Fee - \$1,000

Special Event Vee Light

1st Place \$3,000
2nd Place \$2,100
3rd Place \$900
Entry Fee - \$1,000

Production Class (P1-P3)

1st Place \$2,400
2nd Place \$1,680
3rd Place \$720
Entry Fee - \$750

Production Class (P4-P6)

1st Place \$1,800
2nd Place \$1,260
3rd Place \$540
Entry Fee - \$550



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****PLEASE NOTE****

CLASSES WITH LESS THAN 3 BOATS – WINNER RECEIVES 3RD PLACE PRIZE MONEY

CLASSES WITH ONLY 3 BOATS – WINNER RECEIVES 2ND PLACE PRIZE MONEY

29 KEY LOCATIONS

HOST HOTEL and Meeting Location:

Hyatt Regency Sarasota 1000
Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
Phone: 941-953-1234

Local Hospital:

Sarasota Memorial Trauma Center
1700 South Tamiami Trail Sarasota,
FL 34239
Phone: 941-917-9000

Nearest Airport:

Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport
6000 Airport Circle
Sarasota, FL 34243

Dry Pit Location:

Van Wezel Parking Lot
Tamiami Trail (US 41) and 10th Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

30 Racer events:

"Meet and Greet Who's in the Driver's Seat" June 29th, 2018 from 2pm until 3:30pm inside Hyatt Ballroom

"Boats by the Bay" Party in the Pits, June 29th, 2018 from 6pm to 11pm Van Wezel Parking lot / Pit area.

SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY TAKES PRIORITY OVER RACING AT ALL TIMES

All Race Boats must observe the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when encountering any other Non-racing craft

- A) Swimmers, board sailors, private and commercial craft of all types may be encountered. Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp look out at all times and to take the necessary action in accordance with the IRPCS Rules.*
- B) Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp lookout at all times for any marine wildlife that may be encountered in the vicinity of the race course and take the necessary avoiding action.*
- C) Competitors are warned to remember their speed and the fact that other craft may not be fully aware or able to keep clear.*
- D) Competitors are asked to bear in mind that Official Patrol & Rescue boats have no power to insist that any craft or swimmer keep clear of the course of the race. Advice can only be given for the safety of other craft and swimmers.*
- E) International Code Flag "A" denotes "DIVERS". Competitors must give a wide clearance of at least 100mtrs.*
- F) The Course will be patrolled by Official Patrol & Rescue Boats with official Observer boats in the vicinity of certain race marks, other race marks may be observed from the shore*
- G) Any Official Patrol/Rescue boat may wave a yellow flag to give warning of imminent danger in its vicinity. Competitors seeing this signal are to acknowledge the signal, slow*

down and keep clear of the danger area.